REPORT

OF THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF WILMOT,

INCLUDING A REPORT FROM THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1880.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Assessments for the year 1879, are as follows:

State Tax,	$712.00	
County Tax,	948.50	
Town Tax,	2,000.00	
Swellage Tax,	183.08	
School Tax, as raised by law,	623.00	
School money voted by town,	150.00	
School-house taxes in Dist. No. 1, 5 and 13, including swellage,	146.11	
Money voted by town to decorate soldiers' graves,	24.00	
Non-resident Highway Tax,	47.59	
Dog Tax,	75.00	
Taxes assessed after May 1st, 1879,	7.35	
Total amount,		$4,916.63
Said amount has been committed to Sylvester Bunker for collection, and said collector has discharged himself by receipts from Town Treasurer to the amount of		$4,471.20
Leaving a balance in collector's hands		$445.43
Reported by last year's report in the hands of S. Bunker, collector, on tax-list of 1877, the amount of		$75.00
Said collector is credited by receipts from Town Treasurer, to the amount of		75.00

Reported by last year's report in the hands of S. Bunker, collector, on tax-lists of 1878, the amount of	$909.62
Said collector is credited by receipts from Town Treasurer, to the amount of	$909.62

FRANCIS FARNUM,
JONATHAN L. LANGLEY,
BENJAMIN EMONS,
} Selectmen of Wilmot.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1879.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury as per report March 1st, 1878,	$309.49	
Received of State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,	233.63	
" " " Railroad tax,	66.29	
" " " Literary fund,	58.46	
" John Woodward, interest on note,	1.50	
" Selectmen, money hired,	653.00	
" J. F. Emery, County pauper claims,	629.25	
" Town of Danbury, being tax on land that was disannexed from Wilmot and annexed to Danbury, in favor of Geo. Clark,	12.00	
		$1,963.62
Received of Sylvester Bunker, collector on tax-list of 1877,	$75.00	
" Sylvester Bunker, collector on tax-list of 1878,	909.62	
" Sylvester Bunker, collector on tax-list of 1879,	4,471.20	
		$5,455.82
Total amount of money received,		$7,419.44

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid on out-standing notes, the same being taken up, as follows :

Mrs. Sally Brown's note and interest,	$14.14	
Morrill Currier's " "	79.14	
Susan Cross's " "	82.43	
Meda E. Rowe's " "	101.52	
C. F. Kilton's " "	433.71	
		$710.94

Paid in part on notes :

on Simeon D. Andrews's note,	$100.00	
on Freeman Fellows's note,	90.00	
on Otis B. Phelps's note,	156.93	
on Simeon P. Hall's note,	50.00	
on W. F. Langley's, Adm'r, note,	45.00	
on Cyntha A. Brown's note,	5.00	
on Mrs. Polly Mears's note,	25.00	
on Mrs. Lois Langley's note,	6.00	
on Mrs. Volana E. Kilton's note,	725.68	
		$1,203.61
Total amount paid on notes,		$1,914.55
Paid state tax,	$712.00	
county tax,	948.50	
		$1,660,50

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid to the several districts as follows :

District No. 1, Nathan H. Brown,	$138.47
" 2, Warren R. Barney,	40.81

District No. 3, John M. Carr,	75.64	
" 4, Sumner E. Philbrick,	42.67	
" 5, Charles F. Trussell,	35.38	
" 6, Sherburn S. Tilton,	49.05	
" 7, John T. Prescott, Jr.,	40.11	
" 8, Frank W. Flanders and Mark M. Morey,	187.43	
" 9, John F. Farnum,	45.92	
" 10, David H. Tewksbury,	35.92	
" 11, Curtis Langley,	42.39	
" 12, E. A. Phelps,	39.80	
" 13, Joseph B. Cheney,	31.43	
Scytheville, N. L., C. S. Whitney,	21.42	
Sutton, Geo. B. Chase for the years 1878 and 1879,	5.62	
		$832.06

PAID SCHOOL-HOUSE TAX.

District No. 1, Isaac B. Youngman,	$52.00	
" 13, Joseph B. Cheney,	17.75	
		$69.75

AMOUNT PAID OUT ON ORDERS ISSUED BY SELECTMEN.

Paid John F. Emery, overseer of poor,	$1,199.25

PAID OUT FOR REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid Robert F. Dearborn, for breaking road,	$7.62
John M. Richards " "	1.50
Levi Messer, for shoveling snow,	.80
Orra H. Langley, for breaking road,	8.09
Sumner J. Clay, " "	5.92
Joseph B. Cheney, " "	7.00
Charles W. Kendall, for breaking road,	3.00

Paid Joseph G. Brown, for breaking road,	1.16
Simon Grace, " "	4.76
Newell S. Durgin, " "	6.30
Francis Farnum, for breaking and shoveling snow on Keniston road,	20.75
Theodore Clark, for breaking road,	1.50
James F. Tilton, " "	8.20
Benjamin C. Keniston, for breaking road,	3.00
Harris G. Fisher, " "	1.00
Curtis Langley, " "	3.75
F. H. Clough, for breaking road and lumber,	3.00
George W. Atwood, for breaking road and lumber,	10.15
C. C. Stearns, for labor on highway,	8.00
J. L. Langley, for bridge plank,	7.23
C. W. Kendall, for labor, plank and timber,	19.85
W. R. Barney, for labor, plank and timber,	10.67
Jonathan Clay, for labor,	5.00
Hiram Keyser, for labor and damage to plow,	10.98
J. B. Cheney, for labor and bridge timber,	6.00
J. S. Dodge, for plank and timber,	32.29
Wm. T. Gove, for blasting rock,	1.00
Horace Pedrick, for damage to plow,	1.00
C. W. Kendall, for labor on Eagle pond bridge,	3.45
E. B. Dodge, for plank and timber,	8.30
Walter M. Fulton, for labor in 1878,	3.62
Wm. E. Mellendy, for powder and fuse,	.50
Horatio B. Fowler, for labor,	3.00
Franklin H. Clough, for labor in 1876 and 1877,	49.44
John P. Bean, for labor,	5.00

George F. Muliken, for labor on culvert,	5.00	
John A. Hardy, for labor,	3.00	
Freeman J. Rowe, for labor,	4.10	
John Rowe, for labor,	8.77	
Eben Farnum, for labor,	.75	
Charles Loverin, for labor,	1.00	
Hiram C. Flanders, for labor,	1.00	
John M. Carr, for labor,	4.37	
Isaac B. Youngman, for labor,	5.50	
Total amount paid on highway bills,		$306.32

PAID FOR BOUNTIES ON HAWKS AND FOXES.

Paid Horatio B. Fowler,	$1.40	
Benjamin Emons, for cash paid out,	1.90	
C. H. Thompson,	.40	
M. C. Spaulding,	.20	
Minot Stearns,	.20	
		$4.10

PAID FOR CERTIFICATES OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Paid Dr. J. P. Elkins,	$5.00	
J. B. N. Gould,	1.25	
F. B. Perkins,	.25	
D. P. Goodhue,	25.	
M. C. Spaulding,	1.00	
		$7.75

PAID FOR DIGGING GRAVES.

Paid Wm. T. Gove,	$6.00	
James M. Pillsbury,	6.00	
Curtis Langley,	2.00	
Joseph G. Brown,	5.00	
		$19.00

PAID ON MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Wm. H. Trauer, for printing reports for 1878,	$19.75
D. L. Guernsey, for stationery,	6.12
Charles P. Hill, for damage on highways,	15.00
J. F. Emery, cash paid for stationery and check-lists,	3.00
J. H. Burpee, for money voted to decorate soldiers' graves,	24.00
J. L. Langley, for cash in perambulating town lines and expenses on Farnum road case,	3.62
Frank W. Flanders, for cash paid witnesses and travelling fees, in Farnum road case,	16.35
George W. Dimond, in Farnum road case,	1.25
John Brown, " "	.62
R. S. Ford, for services in Farnum "	12.00
Wm. W. Flanders, in part for services in Farnum road case,	74.97
Wm. W. Flanders, on Farnum road case,	15.87
Benjamin Emons, for cash paid out on the Farnum road,	10.50
J. L. Langley, for cash paid N. W. Morse, for services in Farnum road case,	11.75
Wm. W. Flanders, Attorney, for fees in Thompson road case,	34.00
Wm. W. Flanders, for land damage awarded by relaying the Thompson road,	33.00
Charles T. Emons, for horse hire by selectmen,	2.25
Wm. W. Flanders, for blank check-lists, and for board while making check-lists,	3.00
O. H. Perkins, for services as selectman in 1878, after settlement.	6.00
Charles C. Morrill, for guide-boards,	1.75

Paid Francis Farnum, for stationery and cash paid out,		2.50
Francis Farnum, for horse hire,		6.50
Wm. Farnum, for damage to horse getting into snow,		3.50
Seth Goodhue, for board, room and lights for the selectmen,		19.67
W. F. Langley, for expenses and cash paid out as Town Treasurer, as follows:		
Car fare to Concord, to settle county tax,	$2.50	
For one day's time,	1.25	
For one dinner,	.40	
Car fare to Concord, to settle state tax, &c.,	2.50	
For one day's time,	1.25	
For one dinner,	.40	
To one day to Grafton, to pay C. F. Kilton's notes,	1.25	
For team to Grafton,	.75	
For stationery and postage,	.50	
		10.80
John F. Emery, for expenses and cash paid out as overseer of poor:		
For use of horse and wagon,	$15.00	
Care fare to Concord,	2.40	
Hotel bill at Concord,	2.00	
For postage and stationery,	1.77	
		$21.17
Total amount of miscellaneous bills,		$358.94

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

JOHN F. EMERY, SUPERVISOR.

To two days, copying and posting check-lists,	$4.00	
One day regulating check-list,	2.00	
" " "	2.00	
" " "	2.00	
		$10.00

WM. W. FLANDERS, SUPERVISOR.

To two days, making and correcting check-list,	$10.00	
services revising check-list,	10.00	
		$20.00

D. H. GEORGE, SUPERVISOR.

To four days' services making and revising check-list,		$8.00

FRANCIS FARNUM'S BILL AS FIRST SELECTMAN.

One day signing blanks,	$1.00
One day distributing blanks,	1.50
One half day to jury meeting,	.50
Five days taking inventory,	6.25
Twelve and one half days correcting inventory, making taxes, warrants, and other town business,	16.62
To making returns to secretary of state,	2.00
To jury meeting,	.75
One day settling bills,	1.50
" " " "	1.25
" " " "	1.25
To laying out Jacob Dole road, and making out return of same,	2.00
To attendance on petition in school district No. 4,—four meetings,	5.00
To making return,	1.00

To attendance on petition of S. Thompson and others for road hearing,—four meetings,	4.00	
To making return of laying out said road,	1.00	
Two days perambulating town line, Andover and Wilmot,	2.50	
To time and expenses to Concord on Mrs. White's case,	5.00	
Postage and stationery,	.50	
To keeping books,	10.00	
		$63.62

JONATHAN L. LANGLEY'S BILL AS SECOND SELECTMAN.

Four and one half days filling out and distributing blanks,	$4.50	
Five and one half days taking inventory of stock,	5.50	
Fifteen days correcting inventory, making invoice taxes, returns, collector's warrant, and sundry town business, in April, 1879,	15.00	
Attendance at two hearings in regard to a school-house in School district No. 4,	1.00	
Attendance at three jury meetings,	1.50	
Travel and examining roads and bridges,	1.00	
Travel and making appointments of police officers,	1.00	
Eight days time spent in Farnum road case,	8.00	
Seven days on hearings on Dole and Thompson roads,	7.00	
Five days perambulating town line between Andover and Wilmot, and making return,	6.50	
Three and one half days settling bills, making abatements, and looking over accounts,	3.50	
For time spent in assisting John F. Emery in pauper cases,	1.50	
For use of team and postage stamps,	6.13	
		$62.13

BENJAMIN EMON'S BILL AS THIRD SELECTMAN.

Two days filling out and distributing blanks,	$2.00	
Six days taking inventory of stock,	6.00	
Fifteen days correcting inventory, making invoice, taxes, returns, collector's warrants, and sundry town business, in April, 1879,	15.00	
Attendance at two hearings in regard to school house in District No. 4,	1.00	
Attendance at drawing jurors at sundry times,	1.50	
Travel and examining roads at sundry times,	1.50	
Six days procuring testimony and examining the proposed Farnum road,	6.00	
Six and one half days and expense in hearings on Dole, Thompson, and Farnum roads,	7.70	
Three days perambulation of town line,	3.50	
Seven days use of team,	7.00	
Expenses to Concord to procure guardian for Sarah J. White,	1.60	
Three and one half days settling bills, making abatements, and looking over accounts,	3.50	
		$56.30
J. F. Emery as overseer of poor, for twenty-seven days time, at $1.25 per day,	$33.75	
W. F. Langley, town treasurer,	30.00	
Seth Goodhue, town clerk,	35.00	
J. B. Hale, superintending committee,	50.00	
Sylvester Bunker, collector,	50,00	
Frank W. Flanders, Auditor.	2.00	
Total amount of town officers' bills,		$420.80

PAID OUT BY ABATEMENTS ON PUBLIC WATERING PLACES.

John P. Bean,	$3.00
B. C. Keniston,	3.00

G. E. Woodward,	3.00	
Seth Goodhue,	3.00	
James M. Pillsbury,	3.00	
Green Johnson,	3.00	
Charles Loverin,	3.00	
J. L. Langley,	3.00	
S. E. Philbrick,	1.50	
Horace Webster,	1.50	
		$27.00

PAID OUT BY ABATEMENT ON TAXES ON TAX LIST OF 1877.

Emery B. Chadwick,	$2.07	
Alphonzo Cheney,	3.31	
		$5.38

ON TAX LIST OF 1878.

Sherburn B. Brown,	$21.78	
Joseph Bassett,	2.95	
Lewis Bassett,	2.34	
Buren Carter,	1.38	
Daniel Driscoll,	1.00	
Ezra Gove,	1.95	
Alonzo Grant,	1.95	
Samuel O. Rowell	1.95	
Frank B. Swett,	19.73	
Orra H. Sanders,	1.95	
		$56.98

ABATEMENTS ON LIST OF 1879.

Moses B. Cheney, on cow that died,	$ .36
M. F. Morey,	1.47
George Bruce,	1.76
John Daniels,	1.47
Jeremiah Fowler,	1.47

Aleck Flora,	1.47	
Andrew Luce,	2.76	
Silas B. Prescott,	8.32	
S. O. Rowell,	1.47	
Calvin C. Rowe,	1.47	
Clara Sewell,	18.19	
Alexander Trueheart,	1.91	
Lewis Bassett,	2.47	
Frank Bean, on horse that died,	.73	
		$45.32

OVER TAX.

John Dudley heirs,	$3.94	
Jonathan Clay on poll,	1.47	
Amos P. Stevens on poll and school-house tax,	1.57	
James O. Buswell school-house tax,	.60	
Eugene F. Buswell, " "	.60	
		$8.18
		$53.50
Non-resident highway taxes worked,		$13.16
Total amount of orders issued by selectmen and paid by treasurer,		$2472.62

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received,		$7419.44

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid by taking up notes.	$710.94	
" in part on notes,	1203.61	
" state and county taxes,	1660.50	
" school money,	832.06	
" school-house taxes,	69.75	
" on orders,	2472.62	
" For damage to sheep done by dogs,	2.50	
Cash in the treasury,	467.46	
		$7419.44

OUTSTANDING DEBTS.

LIST OF NOTES BEARING 4 PER CENT INTEREST.

Mrs. Ellen W. Thompson,	$388.63
Mary White,	151.64
Morrill Currier,	489.04
Mrs. Lydia H. Currier,	108.36
Cyntha A. Brown,	125.67
S. E. & Ella Philbrick, trustees,	1677.84
Ella Philbrick,	342,53
Mrs. Martha A. Pattee,	53.90
O. H. Perkins,	238.32
S. P. Hall,	363.03
Jacob Dole,	427.33
Mrs. Dolly Felch,	107.80
Mrs Mary B. Durgin,	1078.12
Stephen Felch,	1749.00
John M. Carr,	813.50
Alvah Chadwick,	725.16
Mrs. Nancy Carr,	190.09
Freeman Fellows,	287.79
Lewis Fisher,	541.30
Mrs. Hannah Sanborn,	361.62
Mrs. Sally F. Clough,	694.52
Emma M. Heath,	10.92
Mary A. Cross,	97.03
Mrs. Polly Mears,	600.63
Susan M. Bunker,	234.98
Ursula M. Buswell,	67.39
Mrs. Sarah K. Brown,	83.30
John P. Bean,	118.54
Sumner J. Clay,	215.62
W. F. Langley, Guardian,	593.34
Mrs. Abigail C. Poor,	204.63
W. F. Langley,	150.74
Fletcher Philbrick,	166.42
Mrs. Abiah Philbrick,	185.58

W. F. Langley, Adm'r.	509.70
C. F. Trussell,	73.06
J. L. Langley,	112.12
Mrs. Lois Langley,	152,90
Mary A. Farnum,	26.73
Mrs. Julia Pingree,	920.32
Horace S. Pingree,	232.42
Simeon D. Andrews,	151.62
Otis B. Phelps,	51.37
Fred S. Langley,	61.16
Herbert A. Langley,	101.93
Mrs. Mary A. Nelson,	35.46
Minnie J. Nelson,	9.12
Willie A. Nelson,	9.12
Mrs. Amanda M. Upton,	75.67
Mrs. Volana E. Kilton,	500.88
Total amount of notes,	$16,667.89

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN OF WILMOT, MARCH 1st, 1880.

Amount of notes outstanding,	$16,667.89	
Balance of dog tax in treasury for 1878,	71.00	
" " " " " " " 1879,	72.50	
School-house tax in treasury for District No. 5,	75.00	
School money assigned to Springfield,	4.78	
Estimated claims unpaid,	200.00	
		$17,091.17

ASSETS.

Due on notes held by town for property sold from town farm in 1875,	$149.46
Due on B. S. Keniston's note, secured by mortgage,	33.15

Due from S. Bunker, collector on tax list of 1879,	445.43	
Cash in treasury,	467.46	
Amount of Assets taken from outstanding claims,		$1,095.50
Leaves the town debt to be the sum of		$15,995.67
Showing an increase of debt of		$125.11

Reported among the assets in last year's report was a claim of $45.21 due from the county, it being cash and expenses expended in the Myron Chesley case; said claim has been presented by J. F. Emery to the county for payment, but was rejected by the Commissioners.

MEMORANDUM OF DOG TAX FOR THE YEAR 1879.

Amount assessed the past year,	$75.00
Bills allowed for damage done to sheep by dogs:	
The selectmen have ordered to be paid on the 2d Tuesday of March, 1880, an order to B. C. Keniston of	$2.50
Leaving a balance of	$72.50

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN F. LANGLEY, Treasurer.

This certifies that I have examined the foregoing accounts of receipts and expenditures, and find them properly entered, correctly added, and vouchers for the same.

FRANK W. FLANDERS, Auditor.

Wilmot, February 21, 1880.

INVOICE OF THE POLLS AND RATABLE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN OF WILMOT, AS TAKEN IN APRIL, 1879, AND THE SAME BEING RETURNED BY THE SELECTMEN TO THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

No. of Polls, 279,	value	$27,900.00
" " Horses, 237,	"	11,985.00
" " Cattle, 877	"	21,721.00
" " Sheep, 1670,	"	4,310.00
" " Hogs, 21,	"	118.00
Stock in public funds,		3,700.00
Money at interest or on deposit,		28,214.00
Stock in trade,		10,260.00
Value of carriages,		1,051.00
Mills and machinery,		2,975.00
Improved and unimproved lands,		203,342.00
Total amount of invoice,		$315,576.00
The board of equalization have added to this the sum of		$6,311.00
Railroad stock and right of way,		6,056.00
Deposits in savings banks,		31,127.00
Making a total of		$359,070.00

It being the equalized valuation of our town as given by state records.

Rate of per cent of taxation in town, 1.47.

Proportion to each $1000 of state tax, 1.73.

The above items are taken from the returns made by the state board of equalization.

W. F. LANGLEY.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

All county pauper bills paid to February 1, 1880.
All town pauper bills paid to March 1, 1880.

CASH PAID OUT FOR THE SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid John Durgin, for the support of Josephine Durgin, 52 weeks, at $1.00 per week,	$52.00	
J. P. Elkins, for medicine,	12.00	
J. P. Elkins, for medical attendance,	7.50	
		$71.50
Paid Joseph Pedrick, for the support of Abigail Pedrick, at $1.50 per week,	$52.50	
Seth Goodhue, for coffin,	8.00	
		$60.50
Paid Issetah Folsom, for the support of Nathaniel Brown, fifty-two weeks. at $1.00 per week,		$52.00
Paid W. H. Kenerson, for the support of Mrs. Ellen F. Blake, and her two children, at $2.25 per week,	$29.25	
Cash paid for clothing for same,	7.00	
		$36.25
Paid F. B. Perkins, for medical and surgical attendance on the family of Edwin D. Glines, four patients, twelve visits,		$27.50

Paid Abby F. Taft, for the support of Stephen D. Sargent, including funeral expenses,	$23.00	
Seth Goodue, for coffin and robe,	11.25	
Bethuel Peaslee, assistance at burial,	3.00	
		$37.25
Paid Francis Farnum, for aid renderd Joseph Saphant, transient pauper,		$6.00
Paid J. P. Elkins, for medical attendance on Minnie N. Buzzell,		$6.25
Paid F. B. Perkins, for medical attendance on family of Joseph R. Smith,		$10.00
Paid Daniel Downs' bill, for flour and meal furnished Harrison Mathews,	$30.93	
H. A. Weymouth, for medical attendance,	3.00	
J. P. Elkins, for medical attendance,	17.00	
Fellows & Davis, agents, for clothing,	12.73	
Loverin & Co., for groceries,	9.00	
		$72.66
Paid J. H. Greeley, for goods furnished J. B. Smith,	$58.62	
J. E. H. Shepard, for one cord wood,	3.00	
J. P. Elkins, for medical attendance,	1.00	
James S. Dodge, for five cords of slab wood,	10.00	
Levi Benson, for one cord of wood,	2.50	
O. H. Perkins, for one cord of wood,	2.00	
W. F. Hardy, for goods,	3.90	
Daniel Downs, for meal,	$1.90	
J. F. Emery, for one and one fourth cord wood, and potatoes,	5.00	
Aaron Cilley, for two cords wood,	5.00	
Fellows & Davis, for goods,	3.45	
J. H. Greeley, bill from Feb. 1, 1879, to March 1, 1879,	9.05	

Paid F. B. Perkins, bill from Feb. 1, 1879, to March 1, 1879,	19.25	
F. B. Perkins, bill from March 1, to Sept. 8, 1879,	24.55	
Loverin & Co., for clothing,	2.60	
Minot Stearns, for rent to Feb. 1, 1880,	13.50	
		$165.32

Paid J. H. Greeley for goods furnished Moses Dolby,	$62.56	
J. P. Elkins, for medical attendance,	5.00	
Lydia J. Prescott, for eight weeks' services,	8.00	
J. H. Greeley, bill from Feb. 1, 1879, to March 1, 1879,	4.65	
W. F. Hardy, bill from Feb. 1, 1879, to March 1, 1879,	6.31	
		$86.52

CASH PAID OUT FOR THE SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid James M. Pillsbury, for the support of Amanda Phelps, one year ending March 1, 1880, at $1,25 per week,		$65.00
Paid Dexter E. Brown, for the support of Nathan Brown, from March 1, 1879, to Nov. 1. 1879, at $1.25 per week,	43.75	
for the support of same from Nov. 1, 1879, to March 1, 1880, at $1.50 per week,	25.50	
for clothing for same,	5.75	
		$75.00
Paid the town of New London, for the support of William Cheney, as per bill rendered,		$25.03

Paid M. C. Spaulding, for medical attendance on Jeremiah Fowler,	$12.00	
Seth Goodhue, for coffin and robe,	12.50	
Jonathan L. Langley for groceries,	4.78	
		$29.28
Paid James McKenzie, for the support of Mrs. Peter McKenzie, 46 weeks, at $1.10 per week,	50.50	
George Peaslee, for six weeks' board of the same, at $1.25 per week,	7.50	
W. F. Hardy, for one pair of shoes,	1.35	
		$59.35
Paid Jonathan Scribner, for the support of Mrs. Johanna Peaslee, 26 weeks, at $1.25 per week,	$32.50	
Edna Scribner for same, 26 weeks, at $1.25 per week,	32.50	
for bill, clothing,	2.50	
George W. Sanborn, for medical attendance on same,	4.25	
		$71.75
Paid E. C. Cilley, for acknowledgments to the county pauper claims,	.50	
O. H. Perkins, the amount due him, as shown by last year's report.	47.00	
		$47.50
Paid cash to Daniel Prescott, for his support, as per agreement, of $5.00 per month,	$60.00	
Greenleaf Prescott, for one and one half cords wood,	4.50	

Mrs. Greenleaf Prescott, for cooking and washing,	10.85	
James Stearns, for eight yards sheeting,	.72	
Fellows & Davis, for vest and pants cloth,	4.25	
		$80.32

FOR THE SUPPORT OF MRS. DANIEL PERKINS, 2D, AND FAMILY.

Paid J. H. Greeley, for goods,	$76.54	
O. H. Perkins, for one half cord wood,	1.00	
James S. Dodge, for six and one half cords slab wood,	13.00	
Levi Benson, for one half cord wood,	1.25	
Aaron Cilley, for two and one half cords wood,	6.25	
J. E. H. Shepard, for one cord wood,	2.00	
Fellows & Davis, for boots and rubbers,	3.05	
Melendy & Emerson, for flour,	2.00	
Daniel Downs, for flour and meal,	8.86	
Otis Jones, for sixteen and one half months' rent,	16.50	
W. F. Hardy, for groceries, boots and shoes,	10.00	
F. B. Perkins, for medical and surgical attendance on cut foot of boy,	15.00	
		$155.45

RECAPITULATION.

CASH RECEIVED.

Received of the town treasurer,	$1.199.25	
" of the County of Merrimack,	629.25	
" in bills paid from Feb. 1, 1879, to March 1, 1879, paid by O. H. Perkins,	73.76	
Total amount received,		$1902.26

WHICH IS ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Paid out on county paupers,	$629.25
out on town paupers,	561.18
O. H. Perkins, amount due him,	47.00
E. C. Cilley,	.50
W. F. Langley, the county pauper money,	629.25
cash on hand,	35.08
	$1,902.26

J. F. EMERY, *Overseer of the Poor.*

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, of receipts and expenditures; and I find them properly entered, correctly added, and vouchers for the same.

JOHN M. CARR, *Auditor.*

Wilmot, February 21, 1880.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Fellow Citizens: In presenting to you your annual report, your committee feels considerable satisfaction in the success of the schools in general, for the past year. To be sure, there were a few that did not quite reach the average, but as the teachers gain experience, we shall expect better results. Of the eighteen teachers employed during the year, three were males and fifteen females. Five of these had never taught; ten reside in our own town, and will, we think, compare favorably with an equal number in any of the adjoining towns. Only one teacher from out of town can be called a rival to ours. If we have those in town who are as good, or better teachers than others, why not encourage and assist them? You will remember that we have urged upon you the necessity of coöperation of teachers and parents, and we feel it our duty to urge it more strongly than ever. If we wish to equal other towns, we must see to the education of our youth. The age of ignorant action has, for the most part, passed away, and an age of intelligent thought opens before us. Which will you choose for you and yours? The ways are plain. If we sow the seeds of jealousy and negligence in the young minds, the harvest is almost sure to follow. Your committee has made forty-eight visits besides several calls, and spent considerable time in the examination of teachers, besides making the report of the schools. We can truly say that we take great interest in the education of our youth, and look hopefully forward to the time when our town shall stand among the first, not in wealth only, but in knowledge, industry and temperance.

TO TEACHERS.

Only four registers had been returned when this report was commenced. This makes it very inconvenient in reporting. Absence of order is one of the most frequent causes of failures in teaching. A school cannot be called perfect where there is whispering nearly all the time. A few rules are necessary, and when these rules are given, the slightest deviation should not be allowed. If the scholars see that they can trifle with your authority, you may be sure that they will do it. "The pupils in our schools must be compelled to submit to constituted authority, and the teacher's authority is as positive and as clearly defined in his particular field as that of any officer in the commonwealth." Many seem to think that education consists in being able to answer numerous questions. This is beneficial if not carried too far. To have a child read and spell five minutes and answer questions ten, is unreasonable. Education does not consist so much in storing the mind, as in drawing out and developing, as the word signifies.

TO PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

There is one law which is not heeded at all by prudential committees. It is as follows: "Every teacher, at the close of his school, and at the end of each term thereof *shall* make a return of the register or record to the school committee of the town, who shall give to him a certificate thereof; and *no teacher* shall receive payment for his services, until such certificate is produced and delivered to the prudential committee." The registers are kept until it is almost impossible to make a report, as the law requires. The registers were incorrect in District No. 1, fall term, 5 and 10, summer term, and 13. Those in numbers 2 and 11 have not been returned.

SPECIAL REPORT.

NO. 1.

The summer term was instructed by Miss Clara M. Farnum. The school was a success in every respect. We think that no school, with any interest, can help succeeding with such a teacher

as Miss Farnum. She still retains the place given her by the report of last year, and it is hoped that her services may be obtained in the future. The fall term was taught by Mr. Henry F. Titus. The order was not as good as could be desired. He tried to learn the scholars, and met with a fair degree of success. A few terms of schooling would be beneficial.

NO. 2.

The teacher of both terms, Miss Belle B. Barney, came without any experience. The order was imperfect, and great progress was not expected. We were not informed of the close of the fall term, and it was visited but once.

NO. 3.

The summer term was taught by Miss Stella L. Collins. She was a good teacher, and succeeded admirably. This was her first term. The fall term was taught by Miss Ella M. Pillsbury. She is a very nice teacher for a small school.

NO. 4.

Miss Martha J. Walker instructed this small school. The children were very fond of her, and learned well. The committee could have made no better choice for the school.

NO. 5.

Miss Katie Fowler had charge of both terms. She is energetic herself, and has a faculty of interesting her scholars.

NO. 6.

The summer term was instructed by Miss Nan A. Keniston. She entered the school with the determination to succeed, and did succeed. The fall term was taught by Mrs. Elzira A. Downes. She is a teacher of considerable experience, and would have made a larger school successful.

NO. 7.

There was only one term of eight weeks, which was taught by Mr. Fred S. Langley. He is a good teacher, but did not meet with as good success here as in District No. 10.

NO. 8.

There were three terms in this district. The first was taught by Miss Lizzie Brooks. She would doubtless do better in a smaller school. The other terms were taught by Miss Clara A. Ross. We consider Miss Ross to be as good a teacher as any in town, with one exception, and it might be difficult to decide which is the best in the same school. We think there should be a male teacher in this district in the winter, as some of the scholars are of the right age to think themselves a little smarter than anyone else, and they want a little teaching.

NO. 9.

The summer term was taught by Miss Cora I. Sargent. This school is composed of small scholars, none being over eleven. The examination was satisfactory. The fall term was instructed by Miss Clara M. Farnum, with her usual success.

NO. 10.

The summer term was taught by Miss M. Imogene Langley. This was her first school. A little more decision would have been better for this school. The fall term was taught by Mr. F. S. Langley. He was just the teacher for the place. This was the first term that we have seen the school under discipline.

NO. 11.

The summer term was instructed by Miss Alice M. Currier. She taught a very good school. The winter term was taught by Mr. George Durgin. The order was imperfect, and there appeared to be a lack of thoroughness in most studies. The classes in geography were very good. This was his first term.

NO. 12.

There was only one term. Miss Emma L. Collins had charge of this. In no school have we seen the principles better explained than here.

NO. 13.

Miss Addie E. Fisher had charge of the one term here. Very good progress was made in most of the studies. With a little more experience and study, she will be able to do better.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS B. HALE,
S. S. Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Money raised by Law.	Literary Fund.	Length of Summer Schools.	Length of Fall Schools.	Scholars—Summer Term.	Scholars—Fall Term.	Scholars in Reading—Summer Term.	Scholars in Reading—Fall Term.	Scholars in Spelling—Summer Term.	Scholars in Spelling—Fall Term.	Scholars in Penmanship—Summer Term.	Scholars in Penmanship—Fall Term.	Scholars in Arithmetic—Summer Term.	Scholars in Arithmetic—Fall Term.	Scholars in Geography—Summer Term.	Scholars in Geography—Fall Term.	Scholars in Grammar—Summer Term.	Scholars in Grammar—Fall Term.	Scholars in History—Summer Term.	Scholars in History—Fall Term.	Scholars in other studies—Summer Term.	Scholars in other studies—Fall Term.	No. between 5 and 15 not attending school
1	133.97	4.50	10	11	37	44	37	44	37	44	27	10	28	40	15	13	7	4	0	3	0	0	
2	36.31	4.50																					
3	71.14	4.50	6	14	14	10	14	10	14	10	9	6	10	6	8	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	
4	38.17	4.50	12	16 3-5	10	12	10	12	10	12	5	8	6	9	3	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	Eleven in All.
5	30.88	4.50	8	10	13	15	13	15	13	15	9	12	11	12	5	7	3	3	0	1	0	4	
6	44.55	4.50	6	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	5	4	5	5	5	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	
7	35.61	4.50	0	8	0	8	0	8	0	8	0	4	0	7	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	
8	182.93	4.50	8	21	24	37	24	37	24	37	14		15		8		5		1	0	1	2	
9	41.42	4.50	6	7	15	18	15	18	15	18	1	6	4	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10	31.42	4.50	—	9	23	23	23	23	23	23	8	9	13	18	9	10	1	2	0	0	0	0	
11	37.89	4.50																					
12	35.30	4.50	0	10	0	14	0	14	0	14	0	9	0	9	0	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	
13	26.93	4.50	0	16	0	12	0	12	0	12	N	ot		G	iv	en	..	...	...	...	...	...	..

21.42 Paid to Scytheville, New London.

2.43 Paid to Sutton.

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